



# THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

# Sunday June 14, 2026 – 10:30 AM

## Pentecost III – Morning Prayer

**PRELUDE** “Herr Christ, Der einig Gottes Sohn” - Anonymous

**HYMN** O Spirit of The Living God (NCH 263)

1 O Spirit of the living God,  
pure Light and Fire Divine:  
burn brightly in your church once more,  
its life and faith refine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power,  
with righteousness and peace;  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,  
and sin and sorrow cease.

2 Blow, Wind of God! With wisdom blow  
disperse and put to flight  
the mists of error, clouds of doubt  
which hide you from our sight.  
Burn, Winged Fire! Inspire our lips,  
renew in us your call to preach  
with zeal your great good news;  
God's love extends to all.

3 Teach us to utter living words  
of truth which all may hear,  
the language all can understand  
when love speaks loud and clear;  
Till every nation, age and race  
shall blend their creeds in one,  
and all together use their gifts  
to see your will is done.

### **GREETING**

The Grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be you  
**Also with you**

### **CONFESSION**

During the season of Pentecost we take inventory of our lives, as we confess our separation  
from God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

*A period of silence for personal prayer and reflection will be observed.*

Let us pray together;

**Most merciful God, we confess before you and one another that we have fallen  
short of the wholeness you desire for us. We have betrayed your trust. We have**

been less than you created us to be. We have failed to speak out against that which is evil. We have cooperated with systems of injustice. We have built our prosperity upon the lives of others who suffer. We know that you accept and forgive us. We know that you are always ready to heal us of our ignorance and lack of concern for others. Help us to open our hearts to your love, that in so doing we may love ourselves along with our neighbor, strive for justice for all people, and hold forth the vision of what is possible. This we pray as Jesus, our great teacher modeled and who chose life in choosing death. AMEN.

## **ABSOLUTION**

*The Officiant says to the People:*

God freely offers forgiveness and calls us to turn and live in the joy of God's love. God has given power to all people to forgive one another and themselves. Therefore, know that God forgives us. Therefore let us forgive ourselves and accept others forgiveness and be free.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Tender shepherd to the helpless and lost; we praise you for sharing your power with a motley band of stumbling friends: may we who have recieved without payment give without charge and so bring your kingdom near; the Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen**

## **SCRIPTURE APPOINTED for the DAY**

### **Our first reading is from the Book of Genesis (18:1-15)**

YHWH appeared to Abraham by the oak grove of Mamre, while Abraham sat at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Looking up, Abraham saw three travelers standing nearby.

When he saw them, Abraham ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by our tent. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves beneath this tree. As you have come to your faithful one, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves. Afterward, you may go on your way."

"Very well," they replied, "do as you have said."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick—take a bushel of fine flour and knead it into loaves of bread." Abraham then ran to the herd, selected a choice and tender calf, and sent a worker hurrying to prepare it. Then Abraham took cheese and milk and the calf which had been prepared, and placed it before the travelers; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

"Where is Sarah?" they asked.

"There in the tent," Abraham replied.

One of them said, "I will surely return to you this time next year, and Sarah will then have a child." Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, just behind him.

Now Sarah and Abraham were old, well on in years, and Sarah no longer had her periods. So Sarah laughed to herself and said, "Now that I am so old and my husband even older, is pleasure to come my way again?"

YHWH said to Abraham, "Why does Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really deliver a child, at my age?' Is anything too extraordinary for God to do? At the appointed time, at this time next year, I will return to you, and Sarah will have a child."

Sarah was afraid, and said, "I didn't laugh."

God said, "Oh, but you did indeed laugh!"

Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Our Second reading is Abraham and Sarah by Itzik Manger**

"Abie, when will we have a child?  
We're both already old folks  
Everyone knows a woman old as I  
has been due for the eighteenth time."

Abraham Our Father smiles and is mute  
and puffs away smoking his pipe:  
"Have faith my wife, if He on High wills  
then even a broom can shoot."

"Abie, Listen up, every night  
I hear how my body sobs  
And Hagar is still only your maid  
And I am your only true wife.

Often I think that the star in the window  
is really the soul of our child,  
that wanders around every night  
among rain and shadows and wind"

Our father Abraham smiles and is mute  
and puffs away smoking his pipe  
"Have Faith my wife. If He on High wills  
then even a broom can shoot."

Sometimes when I see how Hagar's child  
plays with the sun in the sand,  
and I give him a pat on his little head,  
a strange sadness comes into my hand.

And when I take him to me on my lap  
and he smiles so cleverly and good,  
my eyes grow damp and large  
and a strange sadness comes into my blood.

Abie, when will we have a child?  
We're both already old folks.

Everyone knows a woman old as I  
could be due for the eighteenth time.”

Abraham Our Father smiles and is mute  
and puffs away smoking his pipe:  
“Have faith my wife, if He on High wills,  
then even a broom can shoot.”

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### **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 9:35-10:8**

Jesus continued touring all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of God’s reign and curing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses.

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus’ heart was moved with pity because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said to the disciples, “The harvest is bountiful but the laborers are few. Beg the overseer of the harvest to send laborers out to bring in the crops.”  
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Jesus summoned the Twelve, and gave them authority to expel unclean spirits and heal sickness and diseases of all kinds.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: the first were Simon, nicknamed Peter—that is, “Rock”—and his brother Andrew; then James, ben-Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew, the tax collector; James, ben-Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

These twelve Jesus sent out after giving them the following instructions:

“Don’t visit Gentile regions, and don’t enter a Samaritan town. Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The reign of heaven has drawn near.’

“Heal those who are sick, raise the dead, cure leprosy, expel demons. You received freely—now freely give.”

The Gospel of the Savior.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**HYMN** O Grant Us, God, a Little Space (NCH 516)

1 O grant us, God, a little space  
from daily tasks set free.  
We meet within this holy place  
and find security.

3 Yet this is not the only place  
your presence may be found;  
On daily work you shed your grace,  
and blessings all around.

4 Yours are the workplace, home, and mart,  
the wealth of sea and land;  
The worlds of science and of art  
are fashioned by your hand.

5 Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought  
as you would have it done;  
And prayer, by you inspired and taught,  
shall then with work be one.

## **HOMILY**

### **CREED**

**We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

### **PRAYERS and PETITIONS of the PEOPLE**

O God of our hearts, God of love, you are with us in every transition and change.

We recall your deep compassion, presence and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

God of mercy, God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

During this season of Pentecost, let us hold close to our hearts all those in need, those who suffer, and those who mourn. In the prayers that follow, you are invited to respond with your own concerns and thanksgivings related to the particular focus of each petition

For those who are experiencing homelessness, unemployment, underemployment or loneliness, that we may lift each other's' burdens.

*(You are invited to add your specific concerns and thanksgivings in this area.)*

O God of mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

For the health and regeneration of our living planet Earth, that we may accept our responsibility for its care and future.

*(You are invited to add your specific concerns and thanksgivings in this area.)*

O God of creation,  
**Receive our prayer.**

For all who govern within our towns, states and nations that they will hear and heed the cry of all in need, and awaken to the call for peace.

*(You are invited to add your specific concerns and thanksgivings in this area.)*

O God of reconciliation,  
**Receive our prayer**

For those who struggle to see you in their lives and relationships, that we may reflect your Divine love to them.

*(You are invited to add your specific concerns and thanksgivings in this area.)*

O God of tenderness,  
**Receive our prayer.**

For all who are harmed because of their race or ethnicity, that we may work to dismantle systems of oppression.

*(You are invited to add your specific concerns and thanksgivings in this area.)*

O God of love,  
**Receive our prayer.**

We now pray the concerns and thanksgivings of this parish family.

*(You are invited to add additional concerns and thanksgivings.)*

We know that you hear our prayers, O God. During this season of Pentecost, help us to open ourselves to the needs of those around us, that by so doing, we may reveal the beauty of your beloved community. **Amen.**

Holy and gracious Creator: in your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen astray and became vulnerable to evil, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

Before Jesus's mortal death, he taught us, and we are bold to pray in whatever language or form that brings us closer to God,

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ is with you.

**Also, with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "O God I'm Tired"- Spiritual arr. Kinsman

Krista Donough, Rachel McDonough and Grant Mech, Vocalists, Chris Henke - Piano

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray together

**Creator of this gathering beyond measure and price; we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness so that none might be lost: liberate us now to share our bread with neighbors and strangers, each receiving from the other what we need to be ourselves. AMEN.**

## BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN Come Forth, O Love Divine (NCH 289)

1 Come forth, O Love divine,  
seek now this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
till love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## DISMISSAL

Friends, how good and pleasant it is to be together, encouraging and consoling, provoking and inspiring. But now the service is ended — and now the wider service begins. Go in peace — **into the world, for the love of the world!**

## POSTLUDE “In Dich Hab Ich Gehoffert” - Scheidmann

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

\* **The Serendipity Stitches** welcome you. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Tuesdays** at **1:30 p.m.** Our gatherings are always full of laughter, delicious treats, and plenty of good company. No experience necessary. Please get in touch with Veronica for more information.

\* **The Book Group meets online at 7pm:**

June meeting - 6/29 **Theo of Golden** - Allen Levi

July meeting - 7/27 **There are Rivers in the Sky** - Elif Shafak  
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online Bookshop. <https://bookshop.org/shop/Redeemer>

**\* Earth Ministry & Environmental Sustainability**

There is so much intersectionality with LGBTQIA+ people, and land access, climate, BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color), food security, and environmental justice issues, that I cannot fully describe it in this short announcement.

Sophia Benrud, our Earth leader for this week in Pride month, describes herself as "black multiracial queer community organizer," and is a farmer, and belongs to the Midwest Farmers of Color. Doing visionary and deep work, environmental justice organizer Sophia is the cofounder of Black Visions, a Black led Queer and Trans centering organization" that develops leadership and community in a holistic way. As we have just passed the very sad 6th anniversary of George Floyd's murder (we must not forget) in Minneapolis, we must remember that this is all interconnected. Please learn more:

- <https://tinyurl.com/3nvnsczu>
- <https://tinyurl.com/294x2ssk>
- <https://blvmn.org/>

Contact Peg if you are interested. [pegonplanetearth\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:pegonplanetearth(at)gmail.com)

**\* Garden of Hope:** Thanks to our active Redeemer volunteers and their donations, we have been making great progress in the garden growing veggies for our Morristown siblings who are food insecure!

- Special thanks to those who came to the garden Pop-Up session on Friday morning!
- Thank you to those who brought branches to fill the raised beds that Jim made! We are now planting in them.
- Thanks to those bringing compost to church- please continue!
- Contact Peg or sign-up on the clipboard in back of church to be involved, even if you can just water once a week!

**\* Mark Your Calendar!**

Sunday Worship Time Change

Beginning on Father's Day, **June 21**, and continuing through Labor Day, our summer worship schedule will be at **9:30 a.m.** Join us in person or on Zoom as we gather for worship during these summer months!

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## From Rev. Willie J. Smith

### The Body of Christ



holding the stems, giving, receiving –

*Bouquet of Peace-Pablo Picasso*

Last Sunday I was walking in my neighborhood and I heard singing. Not one voice but many voices. Across the street where I was standing, I noticed a procession.

A cross with candles followed by an altar server swinging a censer with incense behind him was a priest carrying a monstrance containing a large host.

I remember reading many years ago that processions were a public expression of faith. The event being celebrated was Corpus Christi-The Body of Christ.

The *Bouquet of Peace* was painted by Picasso for a peace demonstration being held in Stockholm. Two hands

a bond.

During the Eucharist, we hear the Body of Christ and the response is Amen. Giving, receiving-the response may it be so.

May it be so not on Sunday but every day. A public expression of faith.

*Pray with me:* Feasting God, your table is set for the uncertain and the unworthy; your kingdom is food and drink without money or price: may we receive what is freely offered in fragile bread and flowing wine that we might be the body of Jesus, The living Host. *May it be so.*



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